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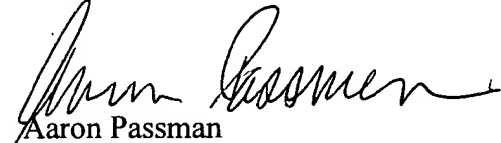
Restriction to one of the following inventions is required by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121 as Claim 16, is drawn to a pay table, classified in class 273, subclass 309 and Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are drawn to a method of wagering, classified in class 273, subclass 236.

Inventions of groups I and II are according to the Examiner related as product and process of use and can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the Examiner believes the process can be practiced with another materially different product, such as an ordinary unmarked table, a floor surface or a desk.

Because these inventions are distinct according to the Examiner for the reasons given, the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art. Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is requested by the Examiner.

Applicants reply to this requirement by electing the invention to be examined in Claims 1 to 15 and 17 to 20. Claim 16 should be withdrawn. The requirement is traversed to the extent that the pay table of claim 16 should be considered with the method. Applicants maintain their right to file one or more continuations on the withdrawn Claim 16.

Respectfully submitted,

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